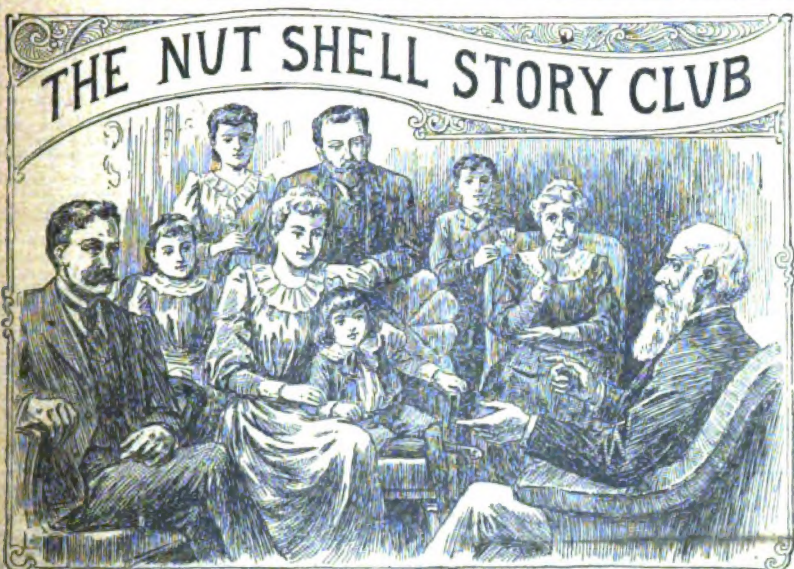


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The Story of Tommy Stringer.

BY ELIZA BALLOU.

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ness, endeared himself to the hospital authorities and to the nurses who had him in charge.

But hospital directors have to look to their funds, and, although it did seem as though this baby could not be a great financial burden, it was decided that as he was well, so far as bodily

ailments were concerned, that the almshouse rather than the hospital was the proper place for him, and that he must be removed.

The nurses who had care of him were greatly distressed; they knew that the result of the removal would be disastrous to the child, and they begged for a little respite until some plan could be formed which should end in his being put under proper care.

So somebody interested in the hospital wrote to Mr. Anagnos, the director of the Boston School for the Blind, and the founder of the blind children's Kindergarten.

Mr. Anagnos' heart went out to this little waif, as it always goes out to one in misfortune, and he felt that the child must come to the shelter of the kindergarten.

But how could it be done?

Money was needed, for a child of this kind cannot be taught with other children, as those can who are only blind, but he must have a special teacher whose sole charge he should be, and who would have the care of him day and night.

It was done, and done through a girl of twelve, who was similarly afflicted, but who had so overcome the limitations of her physical being, that she was bright and more advanced intellectually than any child of her years who is in full possession of all her faculties.

When the letter came telling of Tommy Stringer and his sad case, Helen Kellar thought a little, then she spelled out to Mr. Anagnos: "He must come."

And this is the way she made the beginning. A short time before, a beautiful setter dog, to which she was deeply attached, had died. As everything that Helen Kellar, wonderful child, does and says is of interest to all who know about her, somebody wrote in one of the newspapers of her loss.

Only a day or two after she heard of Tommy Stringer, she received a letter from a dog fancier in New York, offering to give her a very valuable dog to take the place of the one she had lost.

When the letter was read to her, she thought a moment, then taking her writing block, such as blind people use, she wrote a reply.

I wish I could give it to you just as she wrote it, for it was so sweet and pathetic, that it would touch every heart.

She told the story of Tommy, then she thanked her unknown friend, and told him if he really wanted to make her happy, he would send her the value of the dog in money, and Tommy Stringer should come to the Kindergarten.

The letter accomplished its mission. The man not only sent her the money, but he showed her message to his friends and they sent more. Then he had the letter printed, just as it was in her own square writing, and

appended a little request of his own at the end.

Money came pouring into Helen's hands, until there was enough to take care of Tommy for a year, and he was sent for.

They brought him to Boston, that child of four years old, a bright, pretty boy with golden hair and beautiful blue eyes that did not look as though they were darkened forever, dressed as a baby. He literally knew nothing except to love those who were kind to him.

It was like taking a young animal and trying to make a human being out of it. But Tommy was bright and intelligent, and had a soul, and it was not long before he began to have an idea of what the teacher was trying to do. Her first task was to teach him correct personal habits, then how to feed himself, and then he was put into his boy's clothes, the same that he has on in the little picture, for this was taken when he had been only a few weeks at the Kindergarten.

Then he was taught the difference between right and wrong, and it was most wonderful to see the moral sense arouse and develop.

But one year's work would make only a beginning, and Helen Kellar set about raising more money for her young protegee, to whom she was tenderly attached.

Will it seem like a fable or a miracle, when I tell you that, at the visitor's reception at the Kindergarten, in April last, I heard this child speak in behalf of Tommy. It was like the pleading of an angel. As she stood with her beautiful face suffused with emotion, her hand clasping that of her dear friend, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, she was like one inspired. Men and women sat with the tears rolling down their faces, and sobs were heard all over the room.

Helen had been to the Horace Mann school and had learned to articulate. She did not speak quite plainly, but with a little interpretation from Dr. Hale, the people understood it. And they responded.

How could they help it?

Then a lady who has a beautiful house on the water side of Beacon Street offered her parlors for Helen to give a tea. The tickets were a dollar. Some young ladies sold flowers and candy, and the beautiful rooms were crowded. Bishop Brooks, who was a devoted friend of Helen, was present, and so was Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes and Dr. Hale.

Two days after the tea, Helen had the pleasure of sending a check for \$1,325.00 to Mr. Francis Jackson, the treasurer of the Kindergarten, to put away for Tommy.

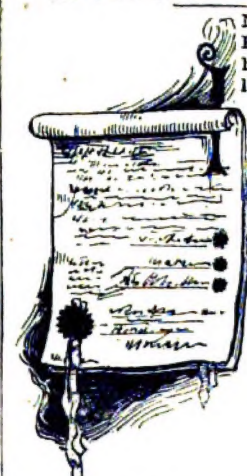
And so the future of this child is assured. In the meantime he is growing a splendid sturdy fellow, and is making great progress. He can spell many words by the hand, can use a needle beautifully, and is learning to articulate.

Could any one with all the faculties alive and alert, have done more for another than sweet deaf, dumb and blind Helen Kellar has done for deaf, dumb and blind Tommy Stringer?

How He Carried Out His Contract.

BY J. D. ELLSWORTH.

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N the spring of '85 Ezra Wilkins found himself in the raw little Nebraska town of Queen City.

Luck had gone against him in the old Connecticut town where he had always lived. He sold out the little business and went West. As he stood on the platform of the bare, unpainted station the \$400 that made a tumor on his right hip represented all his wealth.

With Yankee thrift he began to "look for a job." The largest store in town

bore the sign "William Peterson." The proprietor sold everything, from horse-rakes to caramels, and was rich. He was as mean as he was rich, and always drove a sharp bargain and got the best end of it. If Wilkins had studied his face a little, the greedy half closed eyes and thin mouth would have told their own story, and he would have been more careful in his dealings. Peterson had no work for Wilkins; but he told him that there was plenty of work in the town for a good teamster. If he had a team he could make a good living.

Wilkins went out and invested \$300 in two good horses and a heavy dray. Then he went again to Peterson. They made a bargain for the teaming of the store. It looked like a good bargain for Wilkins. He was to have nine cents for every parcel, package or object which he hauled for Peterson. A written agreement was drawn up and signed by each man, the contract to last one year.

For a time the new teamster hauled the groceries, every package counting for nine cents; but the proprietor took care to sandwich a barrel of flour in between two cakes of soap, so that Wilkins dearly earned every cent he received at the end of the month.

Then Peterson suddenly sold the store and went into the manufacture of agricultural implements. He still held Wilkins to the terms of the agreement, and things looked dark for the teamster. He could carry only one binder and reaper at a time, and 90 cents a day was about all he could earn. But he kept on in his quiet way, and said nothing.

At the end of six months Peterson decided to build a house, and also decided to build it of brick. Three hundred thousand bricks were dumped one day in the freight yard, and Wilkins was ordered to haul them to the site of the new house. He went at it as quietly as he had hauled reapers and binders at nine cents apiece; but the people in the town remarked that the "Yankee seemed to be right good natured about something. Seemed like he must 'a' had a streak o' good luck." And Wilkins whistled a good deal as he drove his big team.

By the end of the month Wilkins had hauled all of the bricks and done a good deal of miscellaneous teaming beside. Then he went one evening to Peterson's house to collect his money.

"How much is it this time, Ezra?" asked the manufacturer, pleasantly.

"Wal, I got it reckoned up pretty careful, I guess," replied the teamster. "There was 40 mowin' machines at nine cents—that's \$3.60; an' 305,000 bricks at the same figger—that's \$27,000, an'—"

"You will have your little joke, Ezra," laughed the manufacturer.

"Joke?" said Ezra. "Wal, I guess this aint no joke—no more'n 't was a joke to haul reapers at nine cents each. This is business, this is. Got it all in writin', you know, Mr. Peterson."

When Peterson found that the Yankee was really in earnest, and that he had a contract that would hold good in any court, he at first began to bluster and then to beg. Wilkins kept him for a long time on the anxious seat, and finally compromised with him for \$10,000. Peterson gave him his check. He felt like giving him the house too, but brick by brick, one at a time.

The sign that now hangs over the grocery and general store once owned by Peterson now bears the name "Ezra Wilkins, Groceries and General Supplies," and they say that the new owner is sure to be the next mayor.

IN THE COLORADO ROCKIES.

BY J. G. KELLO.

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I WAS engaged in mining in the mountains of Colorado at an elevation of 9,000 feet above sea-level. There were five of us living in a rude cabin on a broad level plateau and among the grandest scenery in the Rocky mountains.

There were only a few settlers then in Colorado, and the country was full of all sorts of

game. One of our mines was situated about six miles up the mountains from the home cabin; and one bright day in March I walked up to it to do some necessary work. I finished just at dark and started back.

It was a glorious night. The vanished sun had left a flush of gold and scarlet in the western sky and reflected on the snowy mountains made a light that was indescribably weird and awesome. The petty details of the landscape were obscured and toned down while the masses of mountain, plain and forest came out in infinite grandeur. The air was singularly soft and warm and the snow had melted enough during the day so that one's footsteps made no sound. It was intensely still. Only the stream that ran down the mountain half a mile away broke the silence with a soft sighing that was in accord with the peace and loveliness of the night.

It seemed to me as if these wild solitudes were the glad places of the earth and that only in the haunts of men were cruelty and wrong. But I was suddenly startled by a loud breathing directly behind me. Looking hastily back I was horrified to see not ten feet away a monstrous wolf, with bristling hair, and fierce eyes, glowing like fire out of their cavernous depths. Such a grisly monster I never saw before or since. He was turned sideways towards me and glared now at me and then at something in the shadow of a wood to the left of the road.

Looking in that direction I saw a mountain lion coming out of the shadow, lashing his tail and swaying his body in an indescribably wicked way. He was a magnificent specimen and was of a dark tawny hue with great black stripes. I had scarcely got a good view of him when I discovered two more lions advancing from a little farther up. I hastily turned to move down the road when to my extreme horror and dismay two more lions stood in the road not a dozen yards away. All this time the wolf seemed in a perfect ecstasy of terror and rage, he uttered low growls, and gnashed his teeth, showing the blood-red lips in a fearful manner. For an instant I was rooted to the spot, the wolf kept edging closer to me, but seemed to direct all his rage at the lions who were advancing slowly, but with a ferocious determination. I had no weapon of any kind, not even a pocket-knife, and not a stick or stone within reach. Just back of me was a hut built of pine boughs and thatched with the long mountain grass. We had used it when hauling ore from the mine and also had camped there when cutting timber. It had a large rough stone fireplace and I remembered that I had left it full of pine knots and dry grass. I backed off towards this hut, waving my hat to keep off the wolf. I saw one of the lions below in the road pawing the ground and arching his back as if to spring, and the black lion was coming slowly but determinedly towards the wolf—his eyes glowing like fire. The other lions closed in a semi-circle. When within a few feet of the hut door I sprang in and tearing out some matches hastily set fire to the dry grass and pine knots in the fireplace. It blazed up in an instant and just as the wolf backed into the doorway, I seized a blazing bough and rushed at him, beating him with it. With a ferocious growl and snap of his teeth he bolted out. I flung the blazing brush after him. This made the lions hesitate and hastening back I seized another blazing brand. As the wolf came back to the door followed closely by the black lion, both snapping their teeth and growling fiercely, I realized that it would never do to let them get into the hut, and rushing at the wolf dealt him a blow over the head with the blazing pine knot that broke it into a dozen pieces, one piece striking the lion in the face, and both fell back with a savage howl.

The lions were now in a state of intense excitement, sending forth short sharp barks that rose into panther-like screams, and with the deep growls of the wolf making a noise that might appall the stoutest heart.

For a moment they hesitated, then with a shrill cry the black lion sprang upon the wolf, who dashed into the hut, frightened and furious. I caught up a large branch that flared to the roof and thrust it with all my might in his face. He sprang over the lion into the road. I dashed the burning stick into the open mouth of the lion, and with a shrill scream he bounded back across the road, the other lions with him. Here they stopped and howled and gnashed their teeth as if frantic with rage. I expected to see the wolf escape into the brush, but instead he turned and howled louder than the others. In a minute I saw that they were going to make a united charge on the hut, concentrating their whole rage on me. They turned slowly but deliberately back, and came with bristling hair, glaring eyes, and snapping jaws. I saw that the roof of my hut was afire and I knew that in a moment more the whole thing would be down on my head. I was appalled, was there no escape? Suddenly I noticed a hole big enough for a man to get through in one side of the hut, and just as with a united cry the pack charged into the room I threw a pile of blazing branches in their faces and sprang headforemost through the hole. And just in time, for the big lion dropped within six inches of where I had stood, then the whole structure came down in a mass of flames. I fell, partly stunned, into a drift of snow. But no words can describe the pandemonium that ensued.

There were shrill unearthly screams, yells and growls and the fire was flying in every direction. It seemed as if for a moment they were tearing each other to pieces, but only for an instant; for dashing the glowing boards to right and left the whole pack stampeded into the thick brush and I could hear them crashing through it for half a mile. I did not wait to listen but as soon as I could extricate myself from my drift of snow and a brush pile I hastened home, and only after I got there did I become aware of a hole as big as my hat burnt through my coat, vest and shirt and into my back. My hands also were severely burned, but I had not felt it in the intense excitement. An old hunter told me, that it was lucky for me that I did not have a gun, for if I had shot one of them the rest would have torn me to pieces. Fire was about the only thing that would cow them when ravenous with hunger as they evidently were to attack as they did.

However, after that experience I always carried a weapon, and I realized that the solitudes are as full of cruelty as the world of men.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

By GEORGIE LEE BRUCE.

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ENTIRE country was shocked a few months ago by the news, flashed over the telegraph wires in every direction, of the brutal murder in mid-day of a man and his wife, worthy citizens of the city of Fall River, Massachusetts. The house in which the crime was committed was in a frequented street, and there were neighbors on every side.

As far as known Mr. and Mrs. Borden had no enemies, nothing was taken from the house nor from the persons of the victims, so robbery could not have been the motive. No one was seen to enter or leave the house, and no outcry was heard. Besides the murdered man and woman there were two other persons in the house, or on the premises at the time the crime was committed. One was the daughter of the house, the other the servant.

Clearly somebody must be concerned, and as the nearest one at hand the authorities arrested the daughter, a young woman who had always stood well in the community, was an earnest worker in the church and in white ribbon circles, was charitable and kindly to the poor, and had no taint of scandal

over her name. She is at present waiting trial, held by a chain of circumstantial evidence so slight, that her trial has been postponed until more might be obtained. Those who know her best do not believe her guilty, yet if she fails to prove her innocence she must answer to the law, even though she did not commit the crime.

This is by no means an isolated case. Many others might be cited, but only one will be presented, which will serve to show how careful those persons should be who have a man's life in their hands, lest they commit a terrible wrong, and punish the innocent for the guilty.

More than fifty years ago, the inhabitants of Alexandria, La., were thrown into a state of intense excitement by a mysterious murder, which took place in that town. Charles Benson, a promising young lawyer, was found murdered, at the foot of a staircase, leading from the street to a carpenter's shop, owned and occupied by two brothers, Sam and Jack Lane. There was evidence of a struggle, yet strange to say the watch, ring, and pocketbook belonging to the dead man, were found upon the body.

The news spread like wildfire; great was the surprise of the community when the Lane brothers were accused of the crime. Proof conclusive of their guilt was found in the bloody tracks that marked each step of the stairway—the tracks of a bare foot traced in blood. The assertion that they were the guilty parties recalled the memory of a slight feeling of dislike entertained towards the murdered man, by Sam and Jack Lane, arising out of a trifling law-suit in which they were interested. Charles Benson had been counsel for the plaintiff, and the case was decided in his favor. The excitement in the little town was intense. But one desire actuated the people—to punish the murderers. The shop was surrounded by excited people, thorough search was made and both brothers, protesting their innocence, were lodged in jail, to await their trial, on the charge of wilful murder. Public feeling was strong against them, and the people had but little sympathy in the struggle of the two young men seeking to prove themselves guiltless. The trial lasted for many days; the best counsel that could be obtained was employed for both sides. It was proved that the brothers often worked after nightfall, and were seen to enter the shop on this particular night. Being allowed to speak, Sam Lane testified that on the night in question, Jack put his own foot with a sharp tool, and had been obliged to remove his shoe in going down stairs on his way home. In this way they accounted for the blood upon the stairs. Both declared their innocence, and had faith that if time were given it could be proved. The people had become bitterly prejudiced against them, and when the jury returned a verdict of guilty, there was little compassion shown toward the guilty parties; yet the judge's voice faltered as he pronounced the awful sentence upon them.

When the day of execution came he seemed much troubled, yet no respite was granted, and the two brothers, protesting their innocence until the last, paid the fearful penalty and died upon the gallows. Two years passed by, and the tragic death of Charles Benson was almost forgotten, when a man named Lewis Haywood was brought to Alexandria for trial, charged with the murder of a notorious gambler. When found guilty, he confessed to the murder of Charles Benson two years previous to his arrest. He seemed to take but little interest in the trial, and shrunk from the curious gaze of the crowd who thronged the court-room. He was hung, and for a time the people were in the wildest state of excitement largely mingled with remorse, over the hapless fate of the brothers so unjustly punished; but too late, for who can give life, joy, or freedom to the dead?

This is not fiction, but a true story; its tragedy and sorrow were the experiences of real life, at the place named, more than fifty-seven years ago.

Smokers and Their Pipes.

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PIPE smoking in this country originated with the Indians, who have left behind them traces of rudely carved stone pipes, which have been discovered buried in the various Indian mounds throughout the country. These pipes were of odd shapes, resembling animals and birds. The pipes of the present day are of the most wonderful variety, probably the best known forms being the clay, briar-wood and meerschaum. The first two are products of England, largely, while the third is found in the Mediterranean countries. The clay pipe is made by lat rolling the soft clay with a wire inserted in the center; on the end of this stem is placed a solid piece of clay; then the pipe is kiln-dried, the wire withdrawn and the bowl cut out by machinery. The briar-wood pipe is made from the roots of the briar bush. Meerschaum, meaning sea-foam, is made from the chalk-like clay found on the shores of Spain and other Mediterranean countries. Utmost care and delicacy have to be used in the handling of meerschaum, owing to its soft and brittle qualities. It is capable of fine coloring, owing to its great porosity; the delicate brown shades and tints can be brought out more distinctly by putting the pipe in boiling wax.

The Germans are great smokers, and their favorite pipe is a long weischel wood stem with a hand-painted porcelain bowl; the mouth-piece is of horn or rubber and connected with the stem by a flexible tubing. In German families of importance, pipes are often handed down from father to son as heirlooms, and are regarded as precious possessions.

The most elaborate pipes are those of the Turks. The "hookah" is a pipe of such importance in the courts of princes, that a special officer is appointed to take care of it, and present the mouth-piece to his master for smoking. It consists of a tobacco bowl placed in the top, from which a glass tube runs down into the water. From the neck of the vessel comes the smoking tube, which opens into the air space above the water. When the air in the vessel is exhausted the outside pressure forces the smoke down through the water, through which it bubbles up and is drawn out through the tube into the smoker's mouth.

Another form of "hookah," called the "Narghileh," is used in Arabia in the form of a letter V with a reed for a mouth-piece, and the water held in a coconut shell; these bowls being richly ornamented with silver. Amber is a favorite material for the mouth-pieces of pipes. This is a pale yellow substance found in greatest abundance on the shores of the Baltic, where it is cast up by the sea. It is the hardened resin of an extinct species of pine tree.

The opium pipe of China consists of a long bamboo stem with a flat, capsular shaped wooden bowl. The opium is rolled into pills the size of a pea, and one of those placed in the bowl; it is then ignited in the flame of a small lamp and the smoke exhaled from the smoker's nose. Nothing is so destructive to bodily health or to mental power as excessive opium smoking.

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\$100.00 IN CASH PRIZES.

Next month we shall publish the promised Prize Offer to "Busy Bees." Cash Prizes, amounting to One Hundred Dollars, will be given for the best designs in knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and other fancy work.

As this competition will be open only to regular subscribers to COMFORT every woman, young and old, should at once send 25 cents for a yearly subscription, and thus become qualified to enter the ranks of prize winners and at the same time secure, for a whole year, the most helpful and entertaining publication on earth.

KNITTING AND CROCHETTING.

ONE of the most fascinating employments in the world is knitting. It is so restful and quieting. One can think out the hardest problems which face her, turn back in memory to a pleasant past, or look forward in anticipation to a happy future, all to the click of the needles, and the slipping of the thread through the fingers.

I take knitting for a nerve medicine. It is much pleasanter than valerian, and does stuff of that kind, and does soothe tired, worn nerves, such as every woman gets occasionally.

The pretty bits of silk, or of fine woolen, that usually find their way to the rag bag, may be utilized by the busy knitter, and with very good results.

Cut the pieces into lengths about a quarter of an inch wide, and sew them together as you would woollen pieces if you were going to braid a rug, or make a rag carpet.

Never mind assorting colors, put them together helter-skelter, to get a variegated effect. Roll the silk thus prepared into balls, and put aside until you have a sufficient quantity for the work you have in hand.

One of the pretty room decorations you may make of these knitted silk strips, is a bell-pull. In these days of electric bells which ring by pressing the button, the old-fashioned bell-pull has been done away with.

More's the pity! It was such an ornament.

But there is no reason why you should not have one, and have the bell attached, too. You can make it yourself very easily.

Take two large bone or wooden needles; cast on 20 stitches, knit back and forth in plain garter stitch, until it is the length desired. Bind off, and finish the lower edge with a fringe of silk strips knotted in. Then fasten a bell wire to the upper part and attach a bell to it. The bell-pull, when finished, should reach from the top of the room, to about three feet from the floor. So you see, the length is determined by the height of the room.

A very handsome portiere may be made of knitted stripes sewed together, the border being a five inch stripe of some plain color, with five inches more of the variegated silk, like the body of the portiere, below it, the whole finished with a fringe a finger in depth. These stripes are knit as wide as the needles will allow, probably about fifty stitches wide.

When enough stripes are knit, they are sewed together strongly, and the seams, crossed stitched, or brier stitched with gold-colored silk or worsted. This is a very nice way of using up bits, and you really have no idea how very pretty the result is.

It is very good "catch up" work also, as there is no counting of stitches, and you can begin where you left off without any worry about the result.

There are so many things that can be made by knitting, that all we can do is to say that other suggestions will follow in later numbers of COMFORT.

Among the articles that will be given later will be silk stockings for men and women, and various fancy designs for mittens, and several pretty lace patterns.

CROCHETTED ORNAMENT.

This handsome figure is designed as a trimming for ladies dresses. It may be used separately to ornament portions of the dress, or several may be joined together to form a passementerie.

It should be closely worked with suitable needle, and when finished the effect will be very rich.

Trimmings made in this way have a great advantage over those purchased in the stores, except, of course, the most expensive ones, since the material used is so much nicer, those on sale being usually made of a cotton thinly coated with silk. The more expensive ones are pure silk, but their cost is far beyond that of the home-made trimming. These retain their beauty and color longer than any garment, and may be removed and used again.

The best silk to use is the Corticelli purse silk, size E. E. and a No. 1 Star Crochet Needle. The work on this figure begins at the point where the lower end of the stem is attached to the picot edge of the leaf on the right, and ends in the same place.

Chain 40, turn, and counting back, do 1 single into the 9th stitch, 3 chain, 1 single into each of the 13th, 14th, and 15th stitches, chain 6; now turn the work so that the lower part comes at the top, and ignoring for the present the remaining 25 stitches of foundation, do 1 double into the 2nd stitch of the first curve, chain 4, 1 double into the 3rd stitch of the next curve, chain 6, 1 double by the side of the last double, chain 4, 1 single into the 6th stitch of the same curve, chain 4, 1 double into the 2nd stitch of the next curve, chain 6, 1 single into the last of the three singles; turn and do 11 singles around each of the chain 6, and 7 singles around each of the chain 4, for the large lower curve (the inner edge of the leaf stem) do 40 singles around the 25 chain of the foundation; turn and do 1 single into each of these 40 singles, inserting the hook into the back vein of each; continue around the leaf doing 1 single into each of the next 25 stitches, 2 singles into the 26th stitch, 1 single into each of the next 28 stitches; turn, 1 single into the next 29 stitches, 2 singles into the 30th stitch, 1 single into each of the next 25 stitches, always inserting the hook into the back vein of each stitch.

Going under the stem of the leaf, do 1 single into the 1st stitch, * one picot (made by forming 5 chains and counting back, doing 1 single into 4th chain) 1 double into next stitch but one, repeat from *, forming the picots in this way all around the leaf. At the middle of the 5th picot, the end of the stem of the leaf is joined by a slip stitch.

Fasten the last picot by 1 single instead of 1 double; then going around the stem, * 1 single into the first four stitches, 1 picot, repeat from * around the stem to finish the first leaf.

Make the second leaf in the opposite direction, so that they will be rights and lefts; the method of doing this will appear to the worker as she progresses.

Combine the two leaves, then take the shape thus formed in the hand, so that the picots of the left leaf are on the left side, and with the silk thread put on afresh, one pattern part at the side is crocheted into the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st picots, separated, the first four by doubles, the last three by singles.

Connect the first two doubles by chain 4, the next two by chain 3, the next double and 1st single by chain 3, and the last two singles by chain 2. Next chain 4 and join the right hand leaf by connecting the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th picots in the same manner, remembering however, to reverse the order of the several steps.

Turn the work again, after 1 chain follow around those on the left side, 2 chain, 3 singles around the 4 chain, 5 singles, and again 3 singles around the 2 singles.

Now 15 chain are always worked 5 times, sling into the next of the 5 singles, and 15 singles around the 15 chain, 4 chain, and sling on to the first single to the right. Working further 3 singles around the chain curve, 6 chain, sling on to the first picot caught up to the right, * 4 singles around the 6 chain, 1 picot (5 chain and 1 single in the last single), again 4 singles around the 6 chain, 1 single in the last single of the curve begun, 3 singles around this, 3 singles around the next curve, 6 chain, sling on to the singles which were caught into the single and repeat from * until the 7 points are finished.

Fasten carefully the thread cut off after the last three singles beside the picot caught up by the hook.

Omitting this last figure, added after the leaves are joined, a handsome narrower passementerie is seen, which will be quite as effective, and less troublesome to make.

TENNIS BELT.

The pretty belt here given is not only used for a tennis belt, but for wear with any of the blouses and shirt waists that will be quite as stylish this summer, as they have been during the two seasons past.

Of course the length of a belt varies with the size of the person wearing it, but two balls of No. 300 of the silk named will make one 30

inches long. If it is shorter, less silk will do, if larger it will take more. A No. 1 needle like that used for the passementerie, is required.

The pattern is worked in rows, in the width.

For the first row chain 40.

Second row, turn, and counting back do 1 double into the 5th and each succeeding stitch of the chain.

Third row, turn, chain 4, * do 4 doubles (under both veins, and between the 4th and 5th stitches of the previous row), repeat from * between the 8th and 9th, the 12th and 13th, the 16th and 17th, the 20th and 21st, the 24th and 25th, the 28th and 29th, the 32nd and 33rd, 36th and 37th.

Fourth row, turn, chain 4, do 5 doubles into the space between each group of 4 stitches in preceding row.

Fifth and following rows same as fourth.

When it is finished, line it with satin ribbon and put a pretty buckle or clasp on to it. Or if you prefer, fasten it with hooks and eyes, and put a bow or rosette of the ribbon on the front. Or it may be fastened with two or three strong silver pins with knotted heads, such as girls like to wear, and of which they usually possess three or four.

CROCHETTED SILK GARTER.

Any color may be used for these elastics, which are suitable for garters for hose, or to hold the sleeves of gentlemen's shirts. A very pretty gift to a gentleman is a double set of these arm bands. One pair in yellow or crimson, or any pretty dark shade for day wear, and the other of white, to wear with a dress suit in the evening.

They are very easily made. One ball of silk, the same as that used in the belt, is sufficient for a pair. You will also want a piece of silk elastic ribbon, long enough for the two bands, ribbon enough for two bows, and a crochet needle like that used for the belt.

Begin with a foundation chain of 24 stitches, and work the width in rows.

First row, turn, and counting back, do 1 single into the 5th stitch of the chain, 8 doubles into the circle thus formed, 2 doubles into the 6th stitch of the foundation, chain 1, 2 doubles into the 7th stitch, chain 15, 2 doubles into the 22nd stitch, chain 1, 2 doubles into the 23rd stitch, chain 4, 1 single into the 24th stitch.

Second row, turn, 8 doubles into space formed by chain 4, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1 between doubles of previous row, chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 15, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1 of previous row, chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 4, 1 single into double last formed.

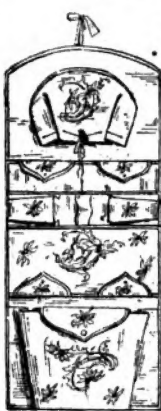
Third row, turn, 8 doubles into space formed by chain 4, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1 between doubles of previous row, chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 8, catch up, in forming the 9th chain, the chain 15 of 2 last rows, chain 6, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1 of previous row, chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 4, 1 single into double last formed.

The rest of the work is but a repetition of the foregoing rows, and can be readily followed by the engraving.

Insert the elastic ribbon, sew on the bows, and it is complete.

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The little traveling case here given, is in the latter quality. It is half a yard in length, and a quarter of a yard wide. The outside is embroidered, at intervals, with a pretty floral design, either in wash cottons, or, better still, Florence wash silks.

The work may be done in either plain outline or "stem stitch," or in a combination of stem stitch, and long and short stitch. In this case, the stems and small leaves are in outline, the larger leaves and flowers in the long and short stitch.

In the model from which this was taken, the work was done in cornflower blue, a sort of pale porcelain shade, and light moss-green silks, with yellow centers to the flowers.

But this scheme of color is not arbitrary, and the worker may exercise her own taste.

The various pieces, cut to make the receptacles for holding the sponge, soap box, brush comb and mirror, bottles for tooth and nail brushes and tooth-powder, are cut wider than the outside, and are arranged in pleats. Each piece is embroidered, and the top bound with narrow ribbon, in the color used for the embroidery of the blossom.

The receptacle for the sponge is lined with oil silk.

The pieces are then fitted in place, and the whole is bound with ribbons. Ribbons are also attached with which to tie the case, after the fittings are in, and it is folded in shape.

A little case of this kind is very convenient, especially for long journeys, as all the toilette articles are kept together, taking but a small space in the hand satchel, and are convenient for use.

Next month will be given directions for making handsome silk slippers, and also a glove-mending outfit.

Attention is called especially to the prize an-

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TOLD you last month that I should talk about Macaroni this time.

This is an edible that I do not think is sufficiently well known, or rather is not in such common use as it should be.

It is not expensive, hence it cannot be classed among the luxuries; it will keep a long time, so when one lives far from the supply store it may be bought in quantity.

This method of buying is an economy, since it costs less when purchased by the box, than when only a pound package is bought.

For my own family, I use the spaghetti, which is a small macaroni, but larger than vermicelli.

If I bought the spaghetti by the pound, it would cost from fourteen to sixteen cents; but I buy a box which holds twenty-five pounds, for \$2.50, making it, as you will see by performing a very simple sum in division, ten cents a pound. Certainly the difference is well worth saving.



Then there is the convenience of having it in the house. You are always ready for an emergency. Used by itself it is like a vegetable, and with tomato and cheese, it makes a course at dinner, or at luncheon.

A great many physicians order it used in place of potatoes, especially in the spring, when the potatoes are old, and, as some believe, unwholesome.

That is a question which I do not propose to raise here for discussion. But I will say, that the macaroni or spaghetti properly prepared, is much more delicate and palatable than potato, and on my own table, it often takes the place of that vegetable, particularly during the spring months, when, unless you are so fortunate as to raise them yourself, potatoes are scarce, high-priced, and not very good.

Macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli, are thick pastes made from wheat flour and water. They are given their different shapes by being forced through holes in metallic plates. These plates are arranged over a fire, and as the paste comes through, it is partially baked, then the long slender wheaten pipes are hung over rods to dry.

It is made in Italy, where it is a favorite food. The smallest of the wheaten pipes is scarcely more than a coarse thread, and is called vermicelli; this is used in soups and puddings.

The largest of the pipes is the macaroni, and the medium is spaghetti.

Both macaroni and spaghetti are used as vegetables.

There are two things which should be remembered in using these articles of food.

First, they should never be washed, as they will soften under the process, and the boiling water will remove anything that must be taken off, during the cooking.

Second, always cook it in an abundance of boiling, salted water, until it is tender, before serving it in any way. Then drain it, and pour cold water over it, to prevent it becoming pasty. It should be kept firm to be palatable.

The simplest way of serving macaroni is to break it into three-inch pieces, using a quarter of a pound for a family of five. Put this to boil in at least two quarts of boiling, salted water. Cook until soft, which will be in twenty minutes, or half an hour, at the longest.

Drain it, and rinse it with clear water, but do not chill it. Put it into a hot vegetable dish, season with butter and salt, and pour over it half a cup of hot milk. Serve at once.

Another way, which many people prefer, is this. Boil and drain the macaroni as above. Put the pieces of macaroni into a shallow earthen baking dish which has been well buttered, and cover with white sauce. Mix with the macaroni, before adding the sauce, quarter of a cup of dry cheese, grated fine. Parmesan cheese is the best, I think, but if you do not have it, any domestic cheese, except sage, will do.

Mix two-thirds of a cup of fine cracker crumbs with another quarter of a cup of grated cheese, and a third of a cup of melted butter, and sprinkle over the top. Put into the oven and bake until the crumbs are brown.

If the cheese is objectionable to any one it may be omitted, but it certainly gives a most delightful flavor to the dish. Those who like the cheese flavor very much use still more with the macaroni, and then add a dash of cayenne pepper to give it zest, and also to prevent it from giving indigestion.

I am going now to give you a receipt that was given me by a friend who lived for many years in Florence, Italy, and who prepared the dish for me the first time I ever tasted it.

"Don't you want to come to a real Italian dinner to-morrow night," she wrote me. "Salvini is coming, and one or two other Italians, and I want two good Americans like you and your husband to keep me in countenance."

It is needless to say I did want to, and it was there I first tasted "Spaghetti a la Italiana."

I begged for the receipt, and ever since, this has been a frequent dish on the home table. Now I am going to give it to you.

Boil one pound of spaghetti in a deep broad-mouthed kettle of boiling, salted water. Do not break the spaghetti, but take a handful of the long sticks and plunge the ends into the rapidly boiling water; as they soften coil the spaghetti in the water by degrees, until all is in. Boil until tender, then drain and rinse. Have ready a large-sized deep platter into which has been poured five spoonfuls of olive oil, or melted butter, as the taste dictates. The Italians always use the oil, but as so many Americans do not like it, butter may be used although, when oil is obtainable, it is considered preferable.

With a salad spoon and fork or any wooden spoon, which is better for the purpose than metal, mix the spaghetti and oil well together, then pour over it plenty of tomato sauce, sprinkle grated cheese on the top and serve at once.

To make the tomato sauce, take a quart can of tomatoes, or the equivalent in fresh ones, and put over to cook, adding one scant tablespoonful of granulated sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, a little pepper, and a dash of cayenne. While this is heating melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan and cook in it a tablespoonful of minced onion, tak-

ing care not to burn it. When the onion is yellow add two tablespoonfuls of corn starch and cook about five minutes, stirring all the while. Then stir the mixture with the tomato, which should be boiling by this time. Cook ten minutes, stirring to blend the thickening well, and prevent scorching, then strain and pour over the spaghetti. If there are any who do not like the cheese, it may be omitted, and passed around in a separate dish for those who do like it.

This dish is often used to take the place of a soup course, or it is the principal dish for luncheon, with bread and butter, tea, coffee or chocolate, and some simple sweet after it.

As Petroleum Nasby used to say, it is both "frugal and filling," and I add—this is the testimony of hundreds of guests who have partaken of it—"it is delicious." Try it, some of you COMFORT housekeepers, and let me know how you like it.

Spaghetti may be used as a border for beef à la mode, and thus add ornament to a dish.

Does the name beef à la mode frighten you?

We'll don't let it, for I assure you it is a very simple affair, and when you have once tried it, you will repeat it, for it is delicious, inexpensive, and nutritious.

Select a piece of beef from the under side of the round, that cheap but juicy portion, that cannot be used for steaks, and yet that has the finest flavor of any portion of the animal.

The piece should be as nearly square as possible, and from five to eight or nine pounds, according to the size of the family.

Wipe it well, with a damp cloth, and tie it into shape.

Take a wide-bottomed, deep kettle, for cooking it in. Cut three slices of fat salt pork into dice, and try out slowly in the kettle, crisping the pork and drawing the fat out, but not burning it. When you have the fat well extracted, skim out the pieces of pork. Have ready one small carrot, or half a large one, and one good-sized onion cut into small pieces. Put them in the fat and brown them carefully; then skim them out, but do not throw them away. Put your meat into the seasoned fat, and brown every side, to seal the surface, and keep the juices in. When each side is browned, cover the meat with boiling water, add the browned carrot and onion, also a like amount of each that has not been browned, salt to taste, add a bit of cayenne pepper, as much as you can take on the point of a penknife, and two tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Set where it will simmer slowly for four or five hours. Watch to see that the water does not boil away, and replenish it if it does. About half an hour before serving time, take the meat out and set it in the oven to brown. Thicken the gravy with flour, add a cup of stewed tomato, or tomato sauce; put the meat on a large platter, surround with a border of plain boiled spaghetti, and pour the gravy over the whole.

The meat may be served a second time by warming in the oven, surrounded with a border of mashed potato, and serving the gravy in another dish. Or it may be sliced thin and warmed in the gravy, or simply warmed in slices and served with tomato sauce poured over it.

Shoulder of mutton may be stuffed and cooked in the same manner with the spaghetti border.

The work of this dish comes in the first half hour, after that there is nothing to do but watch it, until it is ready to brown in the oven and have the gravy thickened.

As a change, you may use a can of mushrooms in place of the tomato. This makes a most delicious addition.

Now don't let beef à la mode frighten you any more.

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"Oh! no ma'am," was her vehement rejoinder, "but I had heard of the fancy dishes you had, beef à la mode and Italian macaroni, and I dreaded it so. But I'm glad I came, for I've learned so much, and the hardest part of all these things was their name."

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THE men all called her the Salem Witch. By all odds, the handsomest girl at Bar Harbor last summer was Dorothy Saltenstall. Tall, straight as an arrow; her fine dark eyes shaded by heavy black lashes and brows; the rich olive of her complexion; beautifully moulded lips; a youthful, lissome figure; all these combined to make her a young woman to turn the head of any ordinary man. But there was an added fascination to her list of attractions in the slight element of surprise with which one looked upon her. The heavy crown of hair above her fresh young face was snow-white.

The young men went wild over her from the beginning. The old ones looked critically at her and fell to discussing the charms of her grandmother, Madame Gardiner, and saying that after all Miss Dorothy was even more lovely. While the middle-aged, the married, settled, stay-at-home men like me—well, we were out of the running, or we, too, should have lost our heads.

Miss Saltenstall was a wealthy heiress from Salem—the old Salem where they once hung a woman as a witch, and that is why among ourselves we felt to characterizing her as the "Salem Witch." Certainly she bewitched more men and that more effectively than summer than any old woman who lived in Salem two hundred years ago ever did.

It was not much chance that I got to talk with Miss Dorothy when the young men were around; but my opportunity came at last, one morning, when a party were going to climb Newport mountain, and Mrs. Chumley insisted that I go. Stout, middle-aged men do not climb mountains for pleasure, as a rule; but this party had been made up among the Crescuses and the Richfellers and the Vanderwaters; and Mrs. Chumley (to basely reveal the truth) had felt so flattered when they had asked her to take the two remaining seats on the buck-board that she had accepted for both of us, without consulting her better half.



THE SALEM WITCH.

We were about halfway up the mountain when a smooth, mellow voice spoke my name.

"O, Mr. Chumley, do you mind loaning me that strap I see hanging from your side pocket? I want to fasten this wrap to my waist. It is such a nuisance otherwise."

I gallantly offered to carry it for her—it was none other than Dorothy Saltenstall's voice—but she refused. One of her characteristics, I had observed, was the dislike to accept from her numerous admirers those little attentions which most girls exact as their due.

I cheerfully produced the strap to my field-glasses, and soon had the pleasure of seeing it clasp firmly her waist, hugging the London wrap most tightly.

During this process the remainder of the party clambered on ahead and thus Miss Dorothy and I were left by ourselves. I found her a charming conversationalist, and evidently much at her ease; realizing, no doubt, the difference between a set of callow young fellows and a man of sense and judgment and mature—but not too mature—years.

Now, ever since we had come to Bar Harbor, I had vowed to my wife and bet with the club-men, that I would find out the secret of her prematurely gray hair.

My opportunity came when I was least prepared for it. In fact, I found her so delightfully entertaining that I had forgotten my vow, when the chance to unravel the mystery suddenly presented itself.

We were almost at the top of old Newport. We had been talking—or she had—of the delights of sylvan life, and a simple, natural existence, when suddenly she said:

"What if we were to get lost here, Mr. Chumley? Did you ever think of it? I do not see the others ahead. Suppose we were off the path and were to stray away into the woods and circle around the mountain as I have read of others doing. I suppose we should starve."

"I suppose you would be frightened to death," I replied rather ungallantly. "As for me, I should look for the nearest streamlet and follow it down to the shore."

"Frightened to death!" she echoed, not relishing my speech. "Frightened? Well, I would like to get frightened once just to know how it seems!"

"What! Do you mean to say you don't know? Have you never been frightened?" and unconsciously my eyes rested on her hair.

She looked curiously at me an instant and then her eyes twinkled.

"O, yes, yes. Once, to be sure," she began. "Mr. Chumley, I was frightened nearly out of my senses once. O, terribly! Do you mind my telling you?"

"Mind? Was I to know the secret of her whitened hair? Hitherto she had avoided the subject. No one had been able to get her to speak of her hair. Was I to be her confidante? Well, girls do like sensible men after all, better than prattling boys."

"You know papa and I were three years in France. Go slow, so I can finish my story before we come up with the others, please. I was studying at a convent school in the south of France; and papa was writing his 'Confessions of a Theosophist.' When I finished school, papa proposed a little trip into the Pyrenees. It was very interesting. We traveled quite by ourselves, and took the trip by easy stages. We had to sleep up in the queerest places, and daily met all sorts of brigandish looking men, but as papa did not seem to mind them, I did not. The accommodations were, in many places, very poor, there being in some villages no inns at all. We went quite out of the beaten path, you know. Papa would never travel like other people. Some nights we would sleep in a peasant's thatched cottage, and the next in a castle. Finally one night we were overtaken on the edge of a black forest. There was but one house in sight—an old chateau, half ruined. Papa said we must stay there. We applied for shelter, and found that it was deserted by its owner, but that it was kept as a sort of an inn."

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"Before I went, I had such a strange presentiment. I had not kissed papa good-night since I was a little girl; but that night I felt so oppressed with the shadow of coming danger, that I went over and kissed him, astonishing the poor dear so that he could hardly say 'good-night.' Then I went to my own room on the opposite side of our little parlor. It was a curious place. The side nearest papa seemed to be made up of sliding panels. I studied a while on it and even tried it quite thoroughly, expecting to find secret compartments and all the other architectural mysteries of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. But I found nothing and finally went to bed, nervous and trembling."

"I had not been in bed very long when I suddenly became aware that those mysterious panels were moving silently and slowly. Between their widening cracks I saw light which grew brighter and broader. Then, oh, horrors! such a vision!"

"Miss Saltenstall," I said, for I saw that even now the remembrance affected her most unpleasantly, "do not finish the story if it troubles you so." She went on recklessly. "I ought not to have called up the horrible vision. But now, oh, I can live it over, here! The strange room; the moving panels; the secret room beyond; and then—then I saw a table and on it the body of a young man—a fair, boyish fellow. The hair was matted with blood. On the pale, cold face were purple clots. He had evidently been murdered. I remembered papa in the next room. I started up. No! I was secured to the bed—chained down! Then two black-looking men came in. One of them said, 'We might as well bring him in here. If the girl screams we will make her the third.'"

"Papa! It was papa they were talking of." "My dear girl," I began, for I saw that the recollection was almost more than she could bear, "I beg of you, do not go on."

She stood erect, tense, white, looking straight ahead. "I knew they had me in their power. But although I knew it might cost me my life, I resolved to raise the house. I tried to scream and fainted."

"I thought she would faint again, she was so white. I made a move to support her. Was there no water near?" "Wait until you are calmer," I argued. "There is but a little more," she gasped, eager to finish the terrible picture. "When I opened my eyes again papa was rubbing my forehead. 'Well, well, you've got the real Martin nightmare, haven't you? Your mother used to have it just so. It was the heavy supper so soon before retiring.'"

Miss Saltenstall started up the cliff. "And that," I gasped, hurrying after her, "that night of terror explains your prematurely white hair?"

"Oh, no," she said, sweetly looking down at me with her artless expression. "That was done by a hair-dresser in Paris only a year ago. And a pretty sum it cost me, too. And didn't papa rave? Come, Mr. Chumley, I see the others just over that boulder. And here we are at the top. But, really, Mr. Chumley, do you think I am the sort of girl that could be frightened to death?"

And then Mrs. Chumley descended upon us.

ODDITIES.

A girl recently died in Chicago who weighed within a few ounces of 600 lbs.

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In several of the large cities base-ball and similar games were played under cover during the winter, and at night by electric light.

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Last fall a middle-aged man, found dead in Connecticut, was only identified by a large number of small scars upon his legs, caused by the most peculiar custom of sticking pins into them to keep his stockings up.

A German who wished to be naturalized recently, in New York State, gave his name as James Fielding, baker. The clerk put him down as James Fielding Baker, and he will be obliged to go to court in order to get his real name back.

Every veteran who lost a limb in the war, gets a new one, or the money value thereof, every three years. There are only two men upon the list who lost both arms and both legs and lived for any length of time.

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HAPPY HOME HINTS.

By Mrs. S. J. BUCKLIN.

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NOVEL, durable vase for a lawn, may be made from common pebbles. Those from the seashore will produce the best effect, but stones from a gravel pit will answer the purpose. I got my idea from the brilliant colors of wet pebbles. I wanted a plant vase for my lawn. Here was material at my hand.

I selected the brightest of the pebbles, red, yellow, green, white, a quantity of dark ones, and all that were curiously marked, or attractive. Some were very small, others were of medium size, a few were large. These I broke into small pieces with a hammer. I used a box nearly square in shape, because I could find nothing better.

Four curved roof-brackets such as are used for supporting the eaves of buildings, were firmly screwed on for legs, braced with a cross-piece. The foundation was made strong, for it must bear a heavy weight, and must endure rough weather if left out over winter. A zinc lining, made by a tinner, exactly fitted the inside of the box. It was easily tacked into place after punching holes in the upper edge.

The brackets were painted Venetian red, for it was the style at that time to flame out in door-yard adornings. I kneaded dry Venetian red into several pounds of putty, precisely as flour is worked into dough. The outside of the box I covered with putty and inserted the stones. Dark ones were used for a background, a design was formed with those that were colored and the smallest pebbles were placed in the empty spaces. Broken stones adhere better than smooth pebbles. I gave the whole a coat of varnish and my vase stood complete.

If I had first varnished or shellaced the stones, the result would have been better, for they absorbed the oil from the putty, and lost the colors and the "shadings" that made them so beautiful.

A layer of stones was placed in the bottom of the box for drainage. The vase was filled with rich earth and planted with vines, geraniums, coleus, heliotropes, and fuchsias. My unique production was a "thing of beauty" all summer, and when frost came, it was placed in a corner of the parlor, where it was a delight to all beholders, until May breezes showered the grass with apple blossoms.



A UNIQUE WINDOW BOX.

Encouraged by my success, I had a carpenter make a box ten inches wide inside, seven inches high and of the right length to fit into the window casing. The box was made of unplanned boards, one inch thick, and lined with zinc. I bored holes about two inches apart and half an inch deep over the front and ends of the box to hold the putty more securely. The front was divided into sections with dark stones to represent tiles. The sections were filled with a design made with minerals and shells. Only the portion that projects into the room should be ornamented; the part next the glass may be covered with enameled cloth. The box was screwed to the window casing, and a trellis covered with coarse wire netting was placed over it to support smilax, wax plant, and German ivy.

The width of the box allowed three three-inch pots to stand in a row. Thus many varieties of plants may be grown in a limited space. A small pot forces a plant into bloom. The height of the box was sufficient to put a layer of stones in the bottom and allow an inch above the top of the pots to keep water from spilling over when the plants were moistened. The pots were filled with rich earth and freshly rooted slips. Sand was put between the pots and over their tops. The room was heated by a coal stove and the window had the morning sun. On frosty nights I slipped a paper between the glass and the plants. They blossomed freely all winter, even the German ivy which I had never seen in bloom.

EASTER AND EASTER EGGS.

Written for COMFORT.



Fall the festivals of the year, the most joyous one is surely Easter. It is the promise of Spring, the prophecy of resurrection. History does not tell when this festival was not commemorated. It was celebrated by the Aryan races as the "Dawn of the Year." It was known to the Magians and Persians, and was honored by them. It was kept by the Jews as the feast of the Passover. And for nearly two thousand years it has celebrated to the Christian Church the resurrection of Christ.

Unlike Christmas and other holidays, it is not a fixed festival, falling always upon the same day of the year, but it is a movable feast, and is governed by the moon.

It falls always upon the Sunday which is next after the first full moon which occurs on or after the 22nd of March. Some years it comes early, as it does this year, on the 2nd day of April, other years it falls as late as the 19th of April.

The day has many pleasant observances, most of them gathered from the Germans, who have, as a nation, the sweetest and most delightful fashions of keeping festivals, especially those of a domestic sort. These observances have been adopted by this American, or cosmopolitan nation, to which we belong, and which takes to itself the best customs and products of all nations.

At this time the churches, after the quiet and subduedness of the Lenten Season, break out in blossoms. Beautiful lilies decorate the chancel and altar, and the service is old glad song of triumph. Gifts are exchanged, and as at Christmas, except

And woe to the unlucky mortal who does not wear something new on that day, for if he does not, the fates will refuse him good luck all the rest of the year; such is the popular superstition.

To the children this is a happy day, with its abundance of beautifully colored eggs, for what would Easter be without these treasures? The German children were led to believe that these beautiful Easter eggs were brought by the rabbits, and one of the features of the day was the egg hunt. The parents put these eggs in the garden, into the boxwood borders or among the greens, and Easter morning the children were set hunting for them.

Such triumph as there was when they were found. This was a pretty and harmless tradition, and so completely did it take possession of the children that in after years, although they knew that it was only a legend to mislead them, they never saw Easter eggs without involuntarily thinking of the rabbit.

It used to be a difficult matter to color these eggs properly; either chemicals must be used, which involve expense, time and trouble, or the very simplest things were employed, with not such beautiful results. Onion peelings boiled in water gave a pale yellow, saffron blossoms a deep yellow, and indigo a bright blue. This finished the color list of domestic dyes. But in these days, there have been inventions, which



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Very truly,
Mrs. J. E. SIMONSKY.



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DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES:

Loving and appreciative words for our dear *COMFORT* have come to me this month from all over the country. I wish here to emphasize what I already have said, that you must not feel unhappy if your letters are not printed. Every one that comes is carefully read, and is given the same consideration that is bestowed upon those which are printed. To let you see how impossible it is to use all of them, if I were to try the experiment for one month, the publishers would be obliged to issue a paper every week, and to print nothing—not even advertisements—but the letters.

I have just a word to say about the manner of writing. Select some topic with which you are perfectly familiar, and write about it simply and naturally. Write it as you would speak it. Avoid the use of long words, it is priggish and pedantic to fill a letter with words you would not dream of using in conversation.

We are past the Addisonian period of literature, and in place of redundant expression and words derived from the Roman, the best writers employ direct phrases, and words which have a Saxon origin as far as possible. If you would know just what I mean by this read Carlyle and Emerson, and the books of John Fluke on American History. I consider Mr. Fluke the best example of the use of vigorous English that the present time affords.

The practice of writing the letters will be good for you even if they do not see print the first or second or half-dozen time. And remember that always you are welcome.

Thinking that you would be interested in a California Indian feast, I have attempted to briefly describe one that I saw.

During the few days preceding the feast, the Indians busied themselves with cooking the good things of which they were to partake. These consisted mainly of beef, tortillas (a mixture of bread and water baked on hot rocks), and acorn pudding. They also made images to represent every person who had died during the three preceding years. These images were made of wood and were dressed in the best of clothes, complete with shoes, stockings, hats, and words which have a Saxon origin as far as possible.

On the morning of the appointed day, the Indians from the different ranches gathered in the place where the feast was to be held. About ten o'clock the squaws squatted themselves on the ground in the form of a circle, with the men standing just back of them. An Indian priest then took his place within the circle. He first read (in Spanish) a passage from a book he held. When he had finished, he chanted a song or prayer, at the same time shaking a rattle made from a gourd. He continued to do these two things alternately for some time. During this time the majority of the squaws were crying and wailing in a most piteous manner. When the priest had finished his ceremonies, the Indians repaired to the place where the images were standing. Each image was grasped by a man who then commenced a kind of dance or march, grunting all the time. While these were marching some of the other Indians tossed coins, baskets and fine calicoes into the air. When these articles fell to the ground, they were carried off by any one who wished to take them, except relatives of the dead ones represented by the images. When the men had concluded their march they placed the images in a pile and burned them.

Then the good things were brought out and passed around, the aged getting the choicest morsels. A maiden was then "burned," as the white people expressed it. This was done by placing her in a hole that had been dug in the ground and covering her with reeds and wet cloths. A fire was then built as near her as was considered safe. About a dozen squaws formed a circle about the girl and the fire, dancing and singing at the same time. This was continued during the rest of the day, fresh squaws relieving those that became tired. After passing through this ordeal, this maiden was no longer to be considered as a girl; she had been transformed into a woman, and could now marry as soon as she found her ideal. Those not engaged in this ceremony devoted the rest of the day to eating, playing games, gambling, dancing, etc.

Such were the means by which these Indians derived pleasure.

PHILIP MCANANY, Warner, Calif.

I think this letter will be found very interesting. The ceremonies attendant on the "coming out" of the fashionable girl, when she says good-bye to the school-room and begins her career as a society devotee, is quite as elaborate, but not so appalling. Still, when we consider the temptations that come to young girls all about it, it is not so much amiss to say that one, as well as the other, is "tried by fire."

I come to you for the first time with a talk on roads. Now is the time of year when everyone is beginning to feel the importance of good country roads. When



I say everyone, I mean those who live in the city as well as those who live in the country. But of course those of you who live in the city can't well appreciate the importance as well as those who live in the country and have to be bothered with such a nuisance as mud. And mud is really a nuisance to the farmer. Good roads make it possible for the

farmer to promptly take advantage of the highest market, no matter what season of the year; they lessen the expense of keeping working horses in good order, and reduce to a minimum the wear and tear on wagons and carriages. They furnish a ready communication with the outside world at all times of the year; and prevent many vexatious and nervous strains to which farmers and their families are liable when contending with the bad highways which are almost a barrier to Christianity and civilization. They would be free from dust in summer and mud in the fall, winter and spring. They would be the best possible investment to the tax-payer and would do away with the supervisor system in places where it is still in use. They would make it more convenient for the farmer to go for the mail by which the long-expected *COMFORT* is brought to him. It would make it more convenient for him to carry his children to school, and his family to church or to a neighbor's. Good roads would, in fact, be the promotion of the education, morality and Christianity of a community. They would be the means of bringing more trade to the merchant, and make it more pleasant for the physician to go into the country to see his patients. They would therefore be a benefit to the health, wealth, prosperity and general welfare of a community.

ORVILLE H. STEWART, Adams, Ind.

A timely word well spoken is this from Indiana. There seems to be an interest in good roads springing up all over the country. Too little care is taken of the roads in most towns, the voters seeming to think that other matters are of greater importance. This is a subject which interests the whole household, women and children even more than men. All of Governor's family should work in the interest of good roads—think what an army of workers that would make! Over a million of people asking for improved highways. Don't you believe they would be a matter of course.

How many of you have heard of the proposed asphalt highway from New York to Chicago for bicycle riders?

I come from the land of sand and mosquitoes. Our Philadelphia cousins across the Delaware rather make fun of us, call us "hayseeds," etc., but we take it good-naturedly, and really I think we are a good set down here in our cozy little State, about thirty-five of which could be tucked into our big brother, "The Lower State."

In the northeast we have the famous palisades of the Hudson, along the coast the celebrated summer resorts of Atlantic City, Ocean Grove, Long Branch and Cape May, besides these we have the natural wonders of the Falls of the Passaic and the Delaware Water Gap.

At the north the ground is high, towards the centre it slopes to a rolling plain, and in the south becomes flat and low. Hay is our best product. We also raise potatoes, wheat, corn, rye, buckwheat, cranberries, fruit and garden produce. We have the high honor of furnishing the present President-elect with a birthplace.

The sea is gradually, year by year, eating big mouthfuls of our seacoast away and the pessimistic view of the matter is that New Jersey will be under water in time, but that "in time" is hidden so far away in the mystic, unexplored future, that very few, if any of us, bother our brains about it as far as our own safety is concerned. And then, too, good old Mother Ocean washes up to us such generous slices of terra firma from her troubled depths that it is about "nip and tuck" between give and take.

CHARLES E. CRATE, Camden, N. J.

Our New Jersey cousin might have added to the list which entitles his State to consideration. Within her boundaries some of the most famous battles of the Revolution were fought, and it was while crossing New Jersey with his army that Washington began the work of conquest which ended later at Yorktown in Virginia.

I wonder how many of the *COMFORT* cousins are interested in the Islands of the Atlantic which stretch away to the south of Florida. These are the Bahama Islands, of which the largest is New Providence, and on this island is the lovely city of Nassau, where noted American and English people pass the winter and spring months.

This island, which is one of hundreds, is of coral formation, the climate is delightful, and it is a famous health resort for the people who can pull themselves away from daily newspapers and the postman, since the steamer comes only twice a month bringing news from the mainland.

Nassau has a population of about 15,000 of which three-fourths are black. During the war it was a famous resort for blockade runners, but since that time it has lapsed into the quiet of the tropics.

The chief products are pineapples, sapadillos, sisal hemp—of which thousands of acres have been planted—coconuts, and other tropical fruits. It is also the home of the green turtle, which is so prized in northern cities for its steak and meat for soups, likewise the hawk-bill, from which the beautiful tortoise-shell ornaments are made.

Among the noted natural wonders of Nassau, that delight all visitors, are the Sea Gardens. It is almost impossible to describe them so that you will gain even the faintest idea of their wonder and their beauty. It is like an aquatic fairyland. These Sea Gardens are stretches of coral reef, up from which grow some of the most exquisite sea-plants that ever have been seen and among which beautiful colored fish glide noiselessly. They comprise thousands of acres of coral area, and the plants with which they are covered comprise nearly every species in the marine flora. The water is perfectly clear so that everything can be plainly seen from the surface. The best time to visit the gardens is at low tide, and when the sea is smooth.

The excursion is made in a sailboat, which carries a glass-bottomed rowboat, in which the people may be rowed over the expanse. The boat carries also a glass-bottomed bucket, which is dipped into the water about three or four inches and assists the holder to see the mysteries of this submarine garden, at a depth of from thirty to fifty feet. Usually a little black boy accompanies the party, and when an especially fine bit of coral or sea anemone is espied, which is desired by one of the visitors, this little fellow dives down and secures it. If it is coral, he carries a hammer, and breaks it off with a few sharp strokes.

Another natural wonder is the Lake of Fire, a small body of water at one end of the city, which connects with the ocean by a small canal. By day, and even by night, when its surface is undisturbed, it presents no unusual appearance. But after sundown, when the water is broken by the play of oars, or by the splash of a stone, or the leaping of a fish, it bursts suddenly into a flame of phosphorescent glow. It is supposed that this phenomenon is due to the presence in the water of minute jelly-fish.

The Bahamas are under English control, and in the square opposite the Government House, which is the

residence of the Governor, is a fine statue of Columbus.

Nassau, unlike most other tropical cities, is a marvel of cleanliness. Its hard white streets, graceful palms and stuccoed yellow walls, bathed in perpetual sunshine, make it a delight to the eye.

It boasts of a fine hotel, the Royal Victoria, beautifully located overlooking the harbor, which some years ago was managed by a brother of President-elect Cleveland, who lost his life by the sinking of a steamer bound from New York to Nassau.

PAULINE GARLAND, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas.

This letter is a model in construction and will be read with the greatest interest. It is distinctively the kind of letter which *COMFORT* desires, for this department, and would have received one of the monogram prizes had the writer's name been found on the list of regular subscribers. We desire again to impress upon the minds of all contributors that prizes will be awarded to regular subscribers only. Aside from this, all conditions which appear at the head of this department must be complied with.

I am a new cousin and am much interested in the "Chats." I have not seen any letters from Wyoming, and I thought I might speak on a subject that doubtless many young men in the east have been considering, and that is, Horace Greeley's advice to young men, "Go West, and grow up with the country." That was probably good advice at the time it was given, but remember that was a good many years ago.

The West of to-day is overcrowded with young men and old too, for that matter. Wages are not as good here as they are in the east in proportion to the cost of living. While some artificial cost of necessity a reasonable others are fearfully high in price. I have seen more men out of employment west of the central part of Nebraska in three years, than I ever did in twenty years' residence between Chicago and the Missouri River. I have seen men that held responsible and remunerative positions in the east, working for twenty-five and thirty dollars per month. One man that for several years was superintendent of water-works in the Middle States, and for two years held the same position in a New England city, told me that he gave up his position in the East thinking he could do so much better out West, and after "going broke" to use a western phrase, he was obliged to take a pick and shovel and work for two dollars per day, and sleep on the ground rolled up in a blanket. I have many times heard young fellows say they would hate to have their friends know what they had been obliged to do to get something to eat, sometimes even begging for food at the doors. Boys that have comfortable homes, or work to keep them well fed and clothed, would best defer their visit to the West until they have money to come, and return, as soon as they have seen how times and prospects are; for hundreds are in the West to-day, who would gladly return to the "Old Folks at Home," if they could only get the money to pay their fare and buy a decent suit of clothes to wear. Hoping this may serve to make some boy contented with his lot at home, I remain,

Your western cousin, JOHN A. THOMAS, Cheyenne, Laramie Co., Wyoming.

This word is one that is spoken none too quickly. The West is no longer the El Dorado of youthful dreams; it is harder work and rougher knocks than boys get in the East. If this cousin only succeeds in making the uneasy young fellows of New England and the Middle States "let well enough alone," he will deserve the grateful thanks, not only of the boys themselves, but of their parents and friends.

Allow a new cousin from the central part of Texas to join you this time. I live in a town surrounded by cotton-fields. I will tell you something about cotton and how it is raised. In a week or ten days after you have planted your seed a green plant will appear. After a while, a yellow blossom will come out of it which in a day or two will wilt and turn a dark pink; then a ball like that of a rosebud is formed, the anthers open and snow-white cotton pops out. It is then ready for picking. When it is picked it is taken here and "ginned," that is, cleaned of the seeds, then sold to the merchants for 8 and 10 cents per pound. It is taken to the sale yard and kept until some buyer comes, who pays for it about 12 cents a pound. It is then shipped to the factory where it is spun and woven into cloth. Some of it is then sent back here for people to buy, and may be a farmer wears a coat from his own cotton field.

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I see letters from other little boys so I thought I would write one too.

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The Good Roads Movement.

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BAD roads represent an actual money value, taken from the people; a tax to which all have grown accustomed. This article will merely sketch the lines along which progress seems to be possible and economical. In the first place, improvements are needed in three directions. Better surface, adjustment of grades, shortening distances. In order to see what steps seem practicable, let us first consider some of the present conditions.

There is about as much money expended annually upon the roads as is expended by the post-office, but what a vast difference in the matter of satisfactory results. One is unmethodical, the other organized. The various road-masters or county commissioners, are for the most part well intentioned, without doubt, but work without reference to any general plan, render their own efforts futile by great lack of knowledge on the subject. Proper materials are not used in many cases, and in fact, the demand for improvements is a tacit admission that the present system is, as a whole, a failure.

Now for the remedy. The most practicable scheme is to nationalize the work. There are several weighty reasons for this. The government can negotiate long loans at low rates—much lower than can the individual counties or even States. It could prosecute the work symmetrically, with due regard to surrounding counties and States. It could bring to bear the best engineering talent of the country and it would avoid petty township or individual squabbles, and immeasurably lessen the chance for "steals." It could buy and



A LITTLE COMPANY OF COLORED ZOUAVES.

maintain the most expensive and improved road-making machines, and save the expense of duplicate purchases by the separate counties and towns.

The reconstruction of the roads of this country is a vast enterprise. Compared to it, the building of the great Chinese wall was an insignificant undertaking. But a perfect system of highways would be the most magnificent present any nation ever gave to posterity. It means the building of a million miles of roads at the cost of about four thousand dollars a mile.

The most practicable way of accomplishing the reform would seem to be the establishment of a Department of Roads, as a national bureau, and to have under this department a sufficient number of trained surveyors and highway engineers. Let these men go over the roads, and after the most careful consideration for future as well as present wants—and with an eye also to possible military uses—prepare maps, by counties, with the roads divided into two classes, highways, and common roads, or lanes. These maps to be submitted to meetings composed of delegates from all over the county.

There should be no attempt to rebuild the lanes or common roads, at least not for the immediate present, nor to have the highways or National roads of uniformly expensive construction throughout their length. To illustrate: take a highway of twenty miles in length, connecting we will say, a railroad junction, town centre and post-office with a small manufacturing centre and post-office. Upon this road at the above estimated rate of four thousand dollars a mile, eighty thousand dollars is to be spent. This is apparently an enormous sum, greater than the benefit any one generation may get from it, but consider the generations which are to follow. For this reason the bonds should be long-running, that the first generation be not compelled to bear the total expense. Now let this twenty-mile stretch be divided into sections, and the highway, out from each centre, be improved in proportion to the radius of the population. In other words, let the roads for a distance of say, five miles out from each centre receive the first attention and if necessary about three-fourths of the total expenditure, while the ten-mile stretch connecting them be brought into the best possible shape with the remainder. This adjustment is equitable from the fact that the population and travel rapidly diminish from the centres outwardly and it is neither economical nor necessary to have a portion of the road over which but a small amount of travel passes, as thoroughly built as that in constant use by large numbers of citizens, since it is not subject to such wear.

The roads should be constructed so as to favor the drawing of loads into the centres, rather than made strictly uniform both ways, as the empty carts can well afford to accept the slight disadvantage involved by this. Competent engineers say it is generally better to expend a small road appropriation in relieving one steep incline, than seek to improve several lesser ones.

The expenditure, in country districts, of this sum of money, and the opportunities it will afford for employment, will cause a substantial increase in prosperity apart from economic gains in lessening wear and tear in transportation. And though it is an immense sum of money to raise, it will all stay in the country, and be distributed among the working classes. A good road system would be the greatest aid, and the most substantial one, that the government can give to the agricultural classes—better than any wild financiering schemes for their benefit.

No attempt has been made to crowd this article with figures and statistics, but the necessary money for this national enterprise could easily be raised, as it was needed, by any one of

A World's Fair Novelty.

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AS an evidence of the interest which foreign powers are taking in the World's Fair, a special correspondent of COMFORT has gathered the following entertaining account of an unique feature in preparation at the Bahama Islands, that fairyland of the region of perpetual sunshine.



He writes that at present one of the sights in Nassau is the drill of the company of little colored Zouaves who are to go to Chicago very soon, having been organized specially for the World's Fair. There are ten of them; bright, active boys from nine to thirteen years of age. They have been in active training for months, and the work they do would be a credit to much older and more experienced soldiers. Their dress gives them a remarkably picturesque appearance. It is modelled on that of the Algerian Zouaves of the French Army. Full, baggy, red trousers, with yellow leggings, blue coats, or rather jackets, falling open over a blouse, and Zouave cap.

They carry Remington rifles with bayonets, made of special steel to suit them, and they keep them in as good order as the regular army soldier does his.

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To the sound of the bugle they scurry through the skirmish drill, advance, retreat, rally and charge, an army in miniature, while the rattle of drum and blare of trumpet attract and amuse visitors and enchant the native population, always fond of noise and display.

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The name of this valuable discovery, "thermometer," is derived from two Greek words signifying "heat" and "measure."

The discovery was apparently made in somewhat modern times, it being in 1630 that Cornelius Drebbel, a Hollander, proposed a method for indicating changes in temperature, by means of a glass bulb with a small elongated stem, which was dipped into a liquid. The expansion or contraction of the imprisoned air, by heat or cold, drove the liquid up and down in the stem.

This was the origin of the air thermometer; and too large in size to be of much practical use.

The next improvement was made by Boyle, who suggested the use of alcohol in a closed tube, to which a scale, indicating degrees of temperature, was attached.

It was Newton who took advantage of the fact that the melting point of ice and boiling point of water furnished two fixed points of temperature, and he divided the intermediate range between them into equal parts; extending above and below the two fixed marks.

Alcohol and mercury possess many qualities which render them valuable for thermometrical purposes. Alcohol does not freeze at any known degree of cold, and is therefore used in measuring very low temperature, while mercury has a very high boiling point and is used for ascertaining degrees of intense heat.

In the manufacture of a mercurial thermometer three operations are necessary: First, selecting a perfect tube of exactly equal dimensions throughout its entire length; second, the introduction of the mercury; and, third, the graduation of the scale.

The tube, which is provided with a bulb, is first filled; during this operation heat is applied to the bulb, until the air is expelled, and the stem and bulb filled with mercury; the other end is then hermetically sealed, by melting the glass tube and closing it. Graduating, or marking the scale, is accomplished by determining the two fixed points; the melting point of ice by immersing the bulb and part of the stem in snow or cracked ice, and the boiling point of water, by surrounding the tube with steam. These points are marked, and the space between

the scale is marked on the glass stem, by first covering it with wax and scratching the divisions with a fine steel point; then applying hydrofluoric acid to these scratches, and when the wax is afterwards removed the marks are found etched on the glass.

The thermometer used for ordinary purposes in this country, England and Holland, is the Fahrenheit; this scale is divided into 180 degrees between the freezing and boiling points. The inventor, whose name it bears, made a mistake in assuming that 32 degrees below freezing point, or 0 degrees, represents total absence of heat.

In France and on the Continent the scale introduced by Celsius is used; this is known as the Centigrade, and is divided—between freezing and boiling points—into 100 equal parts. It is generally used for scientific purposes.

The third common form of thermometer, suggested by Reaumur, is still used in Russia and Germany, being divided into 80 parts.

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WELL, children, this has been a windy day all over the country, the last of February and the first of March is usually so. The snow is going. That's good, and perhaps St. Patrick's Day will be pleasant for those who celebrate. Let us hope so.

Who was St. Patrick?

I have heard that he drove all the snakes out of Ireland; at all events he drove wickedness out of the Emerald Isle, for he founded 400 churches and with his own hands baptized 12,000 people. He lived in the 5th century and yet his good deeds are fresh to-day. He was, no doubt, the greatest missionary the world has yet known and it is well that his memory is kept green.

A GAME.

NOW for games, or puzzles with paper and scissors, and I'll take a hand, so that there will be no errors made. These drawings are all so small that you had better

enlarge them, to work with, by making duplicates of twice or three times the size shown.

Here are five pieces of paper to arrange into a perfect hexagon, that is, a figure having six equal sides like this.

There, I'll give you the outline and you must do the rest. A moderate sized paper will answer, it may be as big as a pumpkin or as small as sister's hand; but your work must be very exact in cutting pieces or you must not expect them to fit as accurately as they should.

A PERFECT SQUARE.

HERE'S another. From these pieces of paper

we will form a perfect square. And by the way, if you cut these figures out of cardboard or something a trifle stiffer than ordinary paper, you will find it much more convenient to handle. These puzzles will teach you patience and carefulness.

You can do this square, Frank, and I will suggest a little to help you. The square should be 3 inches by 3 inches, 4 by 4 inches or any size so long as it is square.

THE CARPENTER'S SQUARE.

STILL another problem. A carpenter has a piece of wood—we will still use paper or cardboard to work out this problem—which is 10 inches long and 2 inches wide. He wants to make a square from this material, and as he is a bright man, and knows his trade, he goes at it as follows:

There, I give you hints enough, so you can go ahead with the work and complete the square for the carpenter, or as the carpenter would.

A HARD ONE.

HERE is a piece of paper say 3 inches square, with one-fourth gone.

Let us see if we can't divide it into eight parts and make two sets of pieces, 4 just alike in each set. When we have them in exact parts, go to work and put them together so they will make the original form again. It's not so easy as it looks, if you will keep your eyes from the original drawing. The drawing is not made in full; you must divide it yourself.

This, by the way, was one of "Abe" Lincoln's favorite ideas which he always amused children with; even when the cares of the country rested upon his head as President, he was ever ready to join in tricks, plays, puzzles and other childish pleasures. This reminds me that on March 4th President Harrison will become simple Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Cleveland, President Cleveland, thus the political tide recedes from the one and carries the other on the great wave of success. But we must get to work again. So here is

THE FOURTEEN PUZZLE.

THIS will be the last one of this kind to-night, so have a little patience. Don't work too long at one puzzle, only long enough to train yourself not to avoid any work just because it's hard. Try several of them in succession. Perhaps you may get an idea in one that will help you with another. Here are four figures. Make four each of those marked 4 and two each of those marked 2; now put them together so they will make an oblong like this:

Parts of which I give in dotted lines. The paper or oblong can be 4 inches long by 2 1-2 inches wide.

All of these paper puzzles try one's good nature, and for a pastime they amuse you and in a way discipline your minds. I have some more, but will save them for future use. Now for something else.

THREE SQUARES LEFT.

WHAT, more puzzles. Well, Ruby, pass me the toothpicks. Now I'm not going to tell you how this ingenious bit of magic is performed. You must work it out yourself.

I will make six squares with the picks like this. Now remove five picks—or matches, if you have no picks—and leave three perfect squares.

"I saw Aunt Annie do that," Uncle Charlie.

Did you, Henry? I dare say, it is hard to get up new tricks, but you can't do this one. It is called—or was called when I was a boy

"HOP PENNIES."

LET me see, yes, I have ten pennies in my pocket and I place them in a row. I take up

one and place it on another. But I must pass over only two pennies to do it. The idea is to get five piles with two pennies on each pile.

Give you a start? Well, I will. You see I take the fourth penny and place it on the first. I jumped over two. Now I take the seventh penny and place it on the third, and so on. You'll do it, take your time.

SLAP HANDS.

WHILE you are making out that puzzle and as I am tired thinking, Amy and I will play "Slap Hands."

Put your hand, palm open, on my knee. Now I will raise my hand two feet from yours and if I can bring it down on yours three times out of five, before you withdraw yours, I am the winner. Then I will place my hand and you strike at it. Lots of

fun, ain't it? Makes you nervous? Well, it is exciting when we are in earnest. Let's reverse the order. I hold my hand in the air, palm up, and you make five attempts to strike upwards and hit the back. Surprising how quick we are.

A STORY.

Well, never mind the bits of paper laying about, and you, Henry, can have the ten pennies when you do the trick. Sit round and I will tell you a pretty story.

Jolly! How the wind howls.

Once there was a poor lad who helped his father mend shoes. He also ran errands for neighbors and often spent too much time talking with children, telling them most wonderful stories, which he would make up as he went along. As he grew older the children from all about used to gather near his father's shop and watch for the story teller, so eager were they to hear a strange story from the simple lips of the cobbler's son.

So days, months and years went by and singular to relate, the story teller never grew old but remained just like a child in his mind. He would sit for an hour or two training his flowers, which grew in a sugar-box on top of the house, and would conjure up stories for the young people. After a time he wrote stories for the publishers, and was able to support his father and mother. So he lived, and when he died, in 1875, all the world sent tributes to his funeral. His name was Hans Christian Andersen, and he wrote the most beautiful fairy tales ever published. He was a gifted son of Denmark. So it is that the pure and simple become greater than the wise.

APRIL FOOL.



LOOK out for April Fool's Day, the first of next month. For ages this day has been styled April Fool's Day; even the Hindus play foolish tricks that day, as do all nations. The custom was derived from religious rites which the people of the middle ages performed. They used to send people on silly errands, as Christ was sent from Annas to Caiaphas, and from Pilate to Herod. It is all right to be abandoned to nonsense once a year, but don't play harmful jokes.

Easter occurs next month, the festival of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I like the old custom, children, when people used to meet Easter Day and give one another an Easter Kiss. But after all, nothing is sweeter than a good-night kiss from UNCLE CHARLIE.

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THE MYSTIC CASTLE.

Correspondence in this department should be addressed to Oldcastle, Utica, N. Y. Correct name and address should accompany every communication, even when a nom de plume is used.

COMFORT is so crowded with good things this month, that not so much space as usual can be given to this department. The publisher is considering the advisability of making vast improvements in it so as to increase its already large interest. Due notice of such change in this line will be given to the readers.

As the "Mystic Castle" was omitted from the December COMFORT, there are no solutions to publish this month.

MYSTERIES.

No. 392. Numerical.

The whole, composed of 45 letters, is an old adage. The 31, 5, 45, 17, 37 is to be made. The 42, 1, 25, 39, 29 are muscles. The 27, 5, 8, 36, 11 is a grimace. The 3, 41, 19, 14, 44 is to reject. The 20, 4, 38, 13, 10 is a fragment. The 6, 18, 40, 32, 23 is putrefaction. The 16, 43, 12, 24, 2 is a kind of slaty rock. The 30, 22, 33, 35, 15 is to tax to the amount of a cent.

ROMULUS.

No. 393. Letter Enigma.

In "a very fast youth,"
In "an aching tooth,"
In "monstrous bites,"
In "numerous fights,"
The whole, though very necessary,
Compels the people to be of it wary.

KERNEL.

No. 394. Letter Enigma.

In "come," not in "go,"
In "above," and in "below,"
In "enemy," not in "friend,"
In "fort to defend,"
In "at our wits' end,"
In "rake," not in "hoe,"
In "the gifts we bestow,"
I take total, in sending to total,
These lines of my composing, rude!
My muse has forsaken me entirely,
And with no thoughts has she me imbued.

THEO LOGY.

No. 395. Star.

2. A letter. 2. Bachelor of Arts, (abbr.) 3. Persuading to Aaron. 4. Relating to oxen and cows. 5. Nothing. 6. To encircle, (obs.) 7. A small cell. 8. The beginning of elk hunting. 9. A letter.

SOLON.

No. 396. Half square.

1. A letter. 2. Therefore. 3. To insulate. 4. A setting. 5. To mulct, (obs.) 6. A stout woolen stuff. 7. Quieted. 8. A piece of music. 9. A successor. 10. Champions.

J. C. M.

No. 397. Charade.

My first the fields in Spring,
My second makes the cooper ring.
The total, oh how sad to pen!
Is often doctored by bunco men.

LEANDEL.

No. 398. Charade.

Merrily sings the milkmaid, O!
Sweetly do the violets blow
Down among the meadow grass,
Where the shadows gently pass
Over shrub, and flower, and tree,
And all earth is glad and free,
Smiling as the violets sweet.
I would last first, for a treat,
If the milkmaid blithe and gay,
Passed me with but a smile,
I would speak to her the while
Of the beauties round me spread,
Calm, blue sky above my head,
Total trees on lofty hills,
Shady nooks and running rills.
But she, country born and bred,
Used among these vales to tread,
Cannot see
How sweet to me,
Late from out the crowded mart,
All the beauties that my heart
Bounds with pleasure to behold.
O! the half has not been told
Of what nature gives so free;
One to taste them, sure must see.

FRANTZ.

No. 399. Pentagon.

1. A letter. 2. To incubate. 3. One who purifies. 4. Red ferruginous quartz. 5. Franciscan friars. 6. Lukewarmness. 7. One who withdraws. 8. That which is retained. 9. Quick sands.

CALO.

No. 400. Transposition.

The total writes to please the folks who read,
And more to fancy than to facts gives heed;
He weaves his webs in richest colorings dressed;
In fairest figures are his thoughts expressed.
He writes for fame, and often gains the prize,
Which so attractive seems to human eyes.
He writes for gain—for he "loves tin"—as well
As those who in the markets buy and sell;
And when a bit he makes, like Eugene Sue,
Or Walter Scott, or other "romantic" true,
A fortune comes to him in "yellow boys,"
Which he—as he "loves tin"—no doubt enjoys.

ASPIRO.

Nos. 401-404. Diamonds.

(401) 1. A letter. 2. To drink a little. 3. The crime in its summer pelage. 4. Bombastic. 5. Transgression. 6. Ponding. 7. A tithe, (Scot.) 8. A domestic animal. 9. A letter.

U. BER.

(402) 1. A letter. 2. To edge. 3. One who subdues. 4. Pertaining to Ham or his descendants. 5. Half Pagan. 6. Having spirit. 7. A fixed star in the left foot of the constellation Orion. 8. An errand boy. 9. A letter.

GUARDINER.

(403) 1. A letter. 2. A small point or spot. 3. A few horse hairs drawn through the skin. 4. Blots out. 5. A sovereign. 6. Shaking. 7. Approaches. 8. A place of celestial debauchery. 9. A letter from Oldcastle.

ROY.

(404) 1. A consonant. 2. Apropos. 3. Ghosts. 4. The salivary gland situated nearest the ear. 5. Complete views in every direction. 6. A remedy, which acts on the nerves. 7. A general name for the various tribes of monkeys. 8. Any cavity closed at one end. 9. A letter in Spain. 10. A letter in Spain.

S. PAYNE.

No. 405. Rhomboid.

Across:—1. A tribe of composite plants. 2. Images. 3. A robber. 4. Deputies in India. 5. To sail back and forth. 6. An assembly.

Down:—1. A consonant. 2. A pronoun. 3. A faint. 4. Partaking of the same properties. 5. Consisting of dew. 6. A genus of bony fishes. 7. A room artificially warmed. 8. A male name. 9. A high wave or billow. 10. An abbreviation. 11. A vowel. 12. A vowel.

YPSIE.

No. 406. Icosahedron.

1. An accomplice. 2. Relating to a branch of science. 3. A Hungarian foot soldier in the Austrian service. 4. Compassionate. 5. Birth marks. 6. Reforms. 7. One of a class of Moorish conjurers. 8. An old coin. 9. Pertaining to sleep. 10. To move. 11. Moves slowly. 12. A neglect to perform services for two years. 13. Musical syllables.

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CONSTIPATION DEFINED.
SOUND IDEAS AND FACTS.

EVERYBODY knows that food is required for the growth and preservation of our bodies. Every day nature requires a supply of nourishment to support life; and by the Digestive organs, the nutriment is extracted from the food we eat. After the nutritive properties have been absorbed from the food it becomes foul, offensive matter, requiring prompt excretion from the body. When the bowels fail to promptly and properly carry off this disagreeable and poisonous mass, it is called CONSTIPATION.

The celebrated Dr. WURBURG, of Berlin, defines Constipation as follows: "Constipation—Stagnation or incomplete action in evacuating the bowels; the inability of the lower intestine to perform its office; the purged matter often remaining in the bowels several days."—Wurzburg.

When this effete and poisonous matter remains in the system it poisons and contaminates every organ with which it comes in contact.

IT COMES IN CONTACT WITH

The Stomach, Liver, Heart, and all Vital Organs.

HOW DOES IT DO THIS? The blood becomes poisoned, and in its circulation through our entire system, it carries the poison from this foul, effete matter to every organ and tissue in the body.

It is from this cause that we have "Blood Disorders," which cause Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sick Headache, pains in all parts of the body, Running Sores, Pimples, Boils, Carbuncles and all Skin Diseases. The blood, becoming thick and overlarded with the poisonous impurities, is unable to supply the tissues with proper nourishment, and consequently they become deranged and unhealthy; or the blood becomes so clogged up that the impurities burst through the skin in the shape of boils, pimples and skin diseases.

Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Kidney and Bladder Diseases are all brought about by the Digestive Apparatus being deranged by coming directly in contact with the effete food matter in the bowels. Even the lungs are affected by Constipation causing Lung Trouble and Consumption.

Premature Old Age, Lack of Youthful Energy, Beauty and Vigor, Sallow Complexion and Haggard, Careworn Look, are all due to this one baneful curse, Constipation.

Quoting the words of Dr. HEINEMANN, we have the views of one of the greatest authorities of the age on this question:

"It is Constipation (retention of feces), though often unsuspected, that steals from our maidens their freshness and beauty, taking away the lustre from their eyes and the glow from their cheeks, causing the weakness peculiar to the female sex and giving them the haggard, worn-out look and diminished power when they should be in the best of health. It is Constipation, that is the plunderer which robs the manly strength and vigor from men, giving them the fretful, ugly disposition and their listless ways and habits."

An extract from QUAIN'S DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE is as follows:

"Constipation is a prominent symptom in diseases of the stomach, of the liver, of the heart, inducing congestion of the portal system and of the nervous system, as well as in connection with diabetes, excessive perspiration, prolonged lactation and discharges.

The causes of Constipation are such as evidently induce one or both of the following conditions: 1.—Dryness and hardness of the contents of the large intestine from deficient secretion, or too active absorption of fluid from the intestinal tract. 2.—Impaired contraction of the muscular fibres of the large intestine."

How can we rid ourselves of the bothersome Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Sour Stomach; cure ourselves of Malaria, Liver Complaint, etc.; drive away the Rheumatism and Neuralgic Pains and Sick Headache; relieve ourselves of Pimples and all Skin Eruptions and the Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth and Objectionable Breath? How can we remove the Haggard Look, and bring back the beautifully tinted complexion, and build up the wasting form; and how can we cleanse the blood of all its impurities? Only by first removing the cause and continuing the use of the remedy which will accomplish this.

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A YOUNG lady residing on Elm Street in the city of Augusta is the happy possessor of a most remarkable feathered freak. Last summer, while passing a few weeks at Beechwood Beach, this belle discovered, one day, a strange looking young bird aimlessly fluttering about the hotel grounds. The little fledgling had evidently drifted from its parental protection, and quickly aroused that pity which adorns every womanly heart. So the girl captured, petted and tamed it, and made it her constant companion.

Its rapid development and remarkable intelligence were an unending source of pleasure to herself and her young companions. Everyone about the place became curious to know something about the little fellow's family tree, and a Harvard professor who happened along was sure that it belonged to the lyre bird tribe. It was not long, however, before the appearance of a beautiful red tuft on the head of her favorite in feathers set aside all doubt and gave unmistakable evidence of the fact that it belonged to the distinguished family of the Woodpecker Americanus. And it soon showed its natural proclivity to drill holes into every object which it saw; yet not having the gift of speech, it never seemed to bore its fair protector. Its lack of language was more than made up, however, by its astounding power of imitating, with its bill, such signs and symbols as met its keen eye.

Now everyone who has been at Beechwood Beach, knows the fluent fancy the young men have there of carving their sweetheart's initials in the trunks of the beautiful trees, for which this fashionable resort is noted, and astonishing as it may seem, this bird is now decorating the furniture of its mistress's house with all the varied sentiments which flow from the youthful human heart at the seaside. The posts of her antique bed already resemble an Egyptian obelisk, while the doors and other wood-work are flaged in a manner unknown even to the ancient Chinese.

The moral of all this is that we cannot be too careful in choosing the early surroundings and influences for even an orphaned woodpecker.

A CAPE COD bridegroom recently dealt the French language a terrible blow. He put up at the Plaza, the swellest of New York hotels, during the honeymoon, and being asked whether he and his bride wished table d'hôte, or à la carte, replied that he would take "a little of both," but wanted "plenty of gravy."

NO doubt a man worth from fifty to a hundred millions ought to be able to say his prayers with warm feet and without profanity. But it is doubtful if the good Lord will excuse the sexton of Astor's church in New York for the beautiful bit of deception by which he sought to make the Money King comfortable on a certain very cold day.

The good sexton having overslept, was late in regulating his fires, and knowing that Astor would make it warm for him, if he did not make it warm for Astor, was terrified on seeing the Magnate's carriage drive up to the church door, while the thermometer in his pew marked but 58 degrees instead of the 72 which is the temperature insisted upon by the man of millions.

But he was ready for the emergency, and putting his thumb on the bulb, kept it there until it marked the proper degree. As Mr. Astor came in out of the blizzard a moment later, he looked at the thermometer, and with a satisfied air, laid aside his overcoat and proceeded to announce himself as a poor miserable sinner.

A CORRESPONDENT signing himself "Roland," writes from Coldwater:

"I am deeply in love with one of the belles of our town, whom I am anxious to marry, and being of a retiring disposition and unversed in such matters, I wonder if you will tell me the simplest and most successful form of proposing to a perfect lady. Would you advise me to do it in so many words? If so, how many? If not, why not?"



ANSWER.—The best way of proposing depends upon circumstances. If the girl's father and mother are in Heaven, it is best to ask her to be your sister. If she is a perfect lady she will answer, "No, but I will be a wife to you." On the other hand, if she has a mother, the correct thing to do is to fall upon your knees before the latter, in accordance with the diagram furnished herewith, and implore her to become your mother-in-law.

In your particular case, Roland, we advise you not to do it "in so many words," but in so many years—say in fifteen.

A fair correspondent whose name is withheld

because it is Smith, writes from Grasshopper Gulch:

"Perhaps you will think me silly or stupid for asking such a question, but I am just dying to know what Umbah is. Is it something which a perfect lady can play without having the finger of scorn pointed at her, or is it one of those horrid card games like Euchre, over which men sacrifice their honor, their homes and their very salvation? I am a young lady with large, soft brown eyes, of pleasing appearance and a captivating figure (so my friends tell me); and while attending a party at my cousin's in Kankakee last week, a New York gent told me I would make a splendid Umbah player if my ma would only give me a chance. So I send these few lines hoping you will tell me all about it and what it is like—the Black Crook or Hamlet. Also if it has been played by anyone in tights—if so, by whom.

ANSWER.—There are few things we wouldn't do for a pair of large soft brown eyes, especially if they are owned by a young lady of pleasing appearance and captivating figure, and if you will send in the name of that N. Y. gent, we shall take pleasure in coddling him at your cousin's in Kankakee, or elsewhere, for he has deceived you shamefully.

In the first place, it is a condition and not a theory that confronts us, because the Umbah is an instrument of torture and not a game, or play, as the villain led you to believe. And,



secondly, you might as well try to warm the foot of a mountain with a silken slumber sock as to play the Umbah with a pair of eyes—no matter how large or soft brown they may be. The Umbah isn't built that way, as you can readily see if you will be on hand the next time a member of the United Order of Red Men or Loyal Legion of Montezuma, No. 93, attends his own funeral. It is on these sad occasions that the Umbah artist appears at his best, as he marches slowly through the streets and punctuates the solemn strains of the village band with his base notes of musical misery. When not thus engaged in drawing tears from bereaved widows and orphans, the Umbah player gives private instructions in lung testing. He is a man of note, and has become a power in the land, for if it were not for the silver-plated halo which he spreads over the remains of the late lamented, it really wouldn't be worth while dying.

We may add in conclusion that while the Umbah has been played under all sorts of conditions and in rare negligence, it has not, up to the present writing, been played in tights, and we advise you to join the church.

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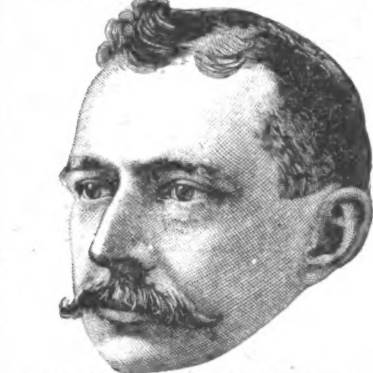
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